

MONSTONIC UNIVERSITY

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Winter 1803

Retreats:

AUSTRIAN A Vienna-Trieste.
RUSSIAN A Rumania-Ukraina.

Builds:

FRANCE: F Marseilles.
TURKEY: F Ankara.

Spring 1804 moves are due in the hands of the gamemaster
on or before THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 1966.

Press Releases:

From the Newsdesk of Radio Romany, Aboard the Gypsie Fleet:

Since the conquest of Xanadu last summer, an uneasy, unofficial truce has hung over the Commonwealth as Asgardian and Babylonian Allied forces remain warily entrenched in their positions. The Khan, a virtual prisoner in his pleasure dome, has repeatedly requested that the defenders withdraw their armies and has sworn undying allegiance to the throne and godhead of Odin All-Father. However, Cathayan Prince of War Huang-Ti has discounted the pleas of his sovereign as "wrenched forth from valiant but brutalized lips under the most extreme of duresses, therefore obviously invalid before the laws of gods and men." His troops remain allied with those of the Babylonian Expeditionary Force. The renouned and popular leader has, though, encouraged the populace of his homeland to passively endure such hardships as the foreign occupation may bring, contenting themselves "to prepare for the future with the oil and whetstone of prudence."

Mearwhile, diplomatic pressures being brought against the invaders mount as a delegation of the Commonwealth Allies has demanded the Third Eccumenical Council at Delphi to condemn the Asgardian aggression and appeal to Delian Law for retribution. His Arch Majesty, also called upon to echo the protests of King Tchaka, Lord Juss, and the Coeur de Lion, still reserves comment while marshalling his own troops for "civil defense exercises." Rumors of an appeal to the Seventy-Third International Party Congress of the Druintern to lay geas upon the Northlanders have circulated in knowledgeable circles, but no official statements have been issued, thus far.

However, Ultimate Allied Commander Enkidu has indicated that "all steps possible to the bone, sinew, hand, and tongue of man, mortal or otherwise, must and will be taken to restore the afflicted sections of the Commonwealth to their traditional autonomy within the public state. Alien intervention in the affairs of individual provinces must be firmly met and controlled, and while Asgard has long been considered adjacent to, if not integral within the Commonwealth, its flagrant action has made it imperative that all within our united domains rise to meet the ravaging menace now at hand, malignant not only directly but as the profoundest kind of precedent for future activity inimical to and in defiance of the rights of sovereignty within our continuum." Concurring, All-Mighty Stafflord Cuchulainn Setana emphasized that "the blitherin' heathens need to get it up theirs for now and evermore."

Dissenting strongly with this opinion, Asgardian Immortal Press Secretary Braggi Meadtongue spoke in a public sub-etheric address on "the traditional diving rights of blood and thunder, not to be infringed upon even in the most radical of ages when a true battle, murder, and sudden death hero needs must hang his head in apology for his simple, old-fashioned, but supremely well-tested beliefs. Our action no more defies Delian Law than the rape of the Sabines, the sack of Elam, or the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. To claim otherwise is to abandon all ties with the virtues of the past and forge on to invent new and, we must protest, inferior replacements that, in truth, stand scarcely short of vice in their corrupting and dehumanizing character of moral degradation. While we remind our critics that Delian Law has no jurisdiction within the pale of the Odinic Runespær, we do now, as always in the past, cheerfully and with the best of will operate voluntarily under the laws and customs of the Commonwealth in all our dealings, social, political, economic, and military, within its borders. On the points of ethics in question, all law speaks in accord in upholding and affirming the basic rights of conquest, pillage, sack, and rapine according to the rules of civilized conduct accepted and practiced by all mortal, if not entirely mortal, beings. To say otherwise is to substitute unreason for logic in the interests of crowning anarchy on the throne of order.

KONSTANTINCPOLIS: In the Winter of '03, with starvation, disease, dryrot, and compulsive grumbling threatening on all sides, then did Mohammed Ali Bey Pasha ibn Suleiman Shah ben Hassan Sheikh ni Caviat Emptor rise in the south with his twelve tribes of inlaws and drive north to stab deep within the womb of the Ottoman Motherland. And even as he did so, in his decadent magnificence at Konstantinopolis, the corrupt and unseeing oppressor, Abdul Peter Disraeli did seal the fate of nations, of empires as he rose on the Moonstone Throne to order: "Build Fleet Ankara." And thus the dye was cast into the crystalline waters of eternity.

"What distinguishes the French Revolution and what makes it a unique event in history is that it is radically bad. No element of good relieves the eye of the observer: it is the highest degree of corruption; it is pure impurity. In what page of history will one find as many vices acting at one time in the same theatre? ((Try the 26th & 27th chapters of St. Matthew.)) What a frightful assemblage of baseness and cruelty! What profound immorality! What forgetting of all modesty...There was a certain inexplicable deliriousness, a blind impetuosity, a scandalous scorn of all that is respectable among men, an atrocity of a new kind that joked about its crimes. Above all, an impudent prostitution of reasoning of all the words made to express the ideas of justice and virtue."

de Maistre.

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AUSTRIA (Krogh): F Apulia (S) ITALIAN A Naples; A Tyrolia (S) A Trieste; A Trieste (S) TURKISH A Bulgaria-Serbia.

ENGLAND (Bigglestone): No orders received. F North Sea stands.

FRANCE (Turner): A Paris-Burgundy; F Marseilles-Gulf of Lyon; F Brest-English Channel; F London-Wales; A Kiel-Munich; A Holland-Kiel; A Piedmont-Tuscany; F Ionian Sea-Eastern Mediterranean Sea; F Tunis-Ionian Sea; F Tyrrhenian Sea (S) F Tunis-Ionian Sea.

RUSSIA (Schow): F Sevastopol-Armenia; F Norwegian Sea (C) A Norway-Edinburgh; F Denmark-Baltic; A Budapest-Galicia; A Vienna (S) A Budapest (sic); A Warsaw-Ekraina; A Moscow (S) A Warsaw-Ekraina; A Norway-Edinburgh.

TURKEY (Adams): No orders received. F Black Sea, A Rumania, A Bulgaria, F Greece, and F Aegean Sea all stand.

There are no retreats. Underlined moves fail. Fall 1803 moves are due in the hands of Brian Bailey by 24 NOVEMBER, 1966.

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Part of a letter from Anders:

Out of basic--I didn't believe it would happen, and now, training only to the end of the year. I WILL be home for Christmas, and it is promised that A.I.T. is quite bearable. Wunderbar.

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In another letter, Andy noted: "I've graduated from Hell. Let's celebrate."

ABOUT THAT NEW GAME WHICH IS BEING FORMED:

So far, four local players have signed up. I am sure I can dig up one more, but those that have signed up would like to make this a seven-man game. So if three more Bay Area players are willing to part with \$2.50 of their hard-earned cash, it will be a seven-man game. Interested parties should write to: Charles Turner, 843 Santa Fe Ave., Albany, California 94706. I hope to publish the gamelist next issue, so let me know.

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MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY is the Diplomacy 'zine of Anders Swenson who is currently engaged in defending his country. Andy will be back soon, but in the meantime, the acting gamemasters are:

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"The chief foundations of all states, whether new, old, or mixed, are good laws and good arms."

Machiavelli

"...One ought never to allow a disorder to take place in order to avoid war, for war is not thereby avoided, but only deferred to your disadvantage."

Machiavelli